

WOODEN KEY JACK

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WAS CAPTURED IN TOLEDO, OHIO

AS THE RESULT OF EFFORTS
MADE BY SHERIFF RICHARDS
SINCE HE ESCAPED FROM THE
OHIO COUNTY JAIL LAST FALL.
JAILOR McCORMICK ARRIVED
FROM TOLEDO WITH O'NEILL
LAST EVENING—NO REQUISITION
PAPERS WERE NECESSARY.

"Jack" O'Neill, one of the smoothest criminals who ever operated in this section, succeeded in escaping from the Ohio county jail last fall, by using a delicately constructed wooden key that he had fashioned in secrecy with an ordinary pocket knife. The escape created quite a sensation at the time, on account of the daring and recklessness of O'Neill and another prisoner, McCullough, who escaped with O'Neill. Since then, Sheriff Richards has been working quietly on the case and two days ago received information that O'Neill was working in a livery stable at Toledo. Jailor William McCormick has at once sent to Toledo for O'Neill, and last night the fellow arrived with his man, who had quietly consented to return to West Virginia. This was wise, as the law does not require a requisition in such cases as this.

It develops now that O'Neill and McCullough went across the river from Wheeling to Martin's Ferry on the morning of their escape, and stowed themselves in a certain saloon in the over-the-river town. Later in the day they went to Steubenville and were there the next morning. O'Neill says that he and McCullough read the papers containing accounts of their daring escape, and then struck across the state to Toledo, where O'Neill remained until recaptured by Jailor McCormick. McCullough's whereabouts are not known.

O'Neill was convicted on the charge of stealing goods from the store of Schambra & Son.

SCHOOL MELANGE.

The schools have spent one week in hard work after the spring vacation, and everything points to a successful term to round off the work of the year. Especially will there be unusual activity among the eighth year pupils who wish to attend the high school next year, and no doubt every member of the eighth year class has made out enough to wish to enroll in the high school next September. This is as it should be, and the pedagogues hope not one will fail to pass the ordeal of examination and make the four years' work of the high school a determination to graduate therefrom with honor, thus making a mark for themselves as well as for the school. A school is judged by the standing and character of its graduates; in short, the pupils are the school, and with their hearty co-operation, the teachers can make it a success. The great work of the teacher consists in being able to enlist the hearty co-operation of the pupils. Without this co-operation the best teacher will fail. While this is true the good teacher never fails to get the co-operation of his pupils.

There seems to be a bright outlook in education for the world just at present. There are about 400,000 teachers engaged in the work in America, and while at least 300,000 of these occupy positions in which very moderate salaries are paid, with but little prospect of an increase, yet, perhaps the number mentioned, do not expect an increase, but are content to labor on in the field in which they have worked, not looking for a broader field or higher salaries. These teachers are doing a noble work and perhaps are laboring more for the good they can't do, than for pay in dollars and cents. This may seem all right at first glance, but are men and women doing the right kind of work, who are willing to go along in the lower walks of a profession, instead of striving to reach the topmost round of the ladder, as far as standing in the profession is concerned? We apprehend not, and we also believe that this is one reason why the salaries paid teachers are so low as they now are. We need to get infused into the 300,000 teachers who are now satisfied, to go on forever as they now are going, and have been for years, an ambition to go up to higher planes; and in so doing they will take their schools with them, the cause itself will have an uplift and the salaries will be increased correspondingly. There seems to be a disposition to increase teachers' salaries, especially in our cities, and it is hoped that Wheeling will be carried along with the tide. In New York City the lowest salary paid to any teacher is \$600. After five years' experience a teacher should receive less than \$300 and no teacher after fifteen years' experience should receive less than \$1,200. No vice principal, head of department, or first assistant should receive less than \$1,400 per annum and a male teacher after twenty years' experience should receive less than \$2,100. Another feature in the bill just passed by the legislature and signed by the governor is that the salaries of women principals shall be increased by the addition of \$25 each year until they receive the sum of \$2,500 per annum, and that the salaries of male principals shall be increased at the same rate until they receive \$3,500 per annum. It also provides that no lady principal with ten years' experience or service in public schools, shall receive less than \$2,500 per annum. Here are certainly inducements to cause men and women to "teach themselves" and to follow it as a life work. While we could not expect such salaries paid in the city of Wheeling, we submit that the comparative salaries in our city are very far below this. The writer spent two or three days in the New York schools about two years ago and while he saw much good work being done, still taking into consideration the opportunities enjoyed he has seen just as much teaching in our own city. It takes just as good talent to make a good teacher in the city of Wheeling as it does in the city of New York.

The coming meeting of the State Educational Association will doubt be one of the largest ever held in the state and our teachers are awakening to the fact that it will devolve upon them and them alone, to give them the royal welcome that must be given to them. Citizens, no doubt many of them will study assist, but the teachers must take the lead in the matter, and that they will do so goes without saying, for the Wheeling teachers are all too ready to give their best to the cause. It takes just as good talent to make a good teacher in the city of Wheeling as it does in the city of New York.

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